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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF US/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH BERNARDIC

1. SUMMARY: DURING YEAR-END REVIEW OF CURRENT STATE OF US/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS AMBASSADOR AND FSFA ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERNARDIC DISCUSSED INTER ALIA: A) MILITARY COOPERATION; B) US/YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS; C) YUGOSLAVIA AND EC; AND D) INCREASED POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. OTHER SUBJECTS COVERED IN SEPTELS. END SUMMARY.

2. MILITARY COOPERATION -- AMBASSADOR SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF A RECENT VISIT TO SHAPE AND EUROM HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THERE WAS MUCH SUPPORT FOR IMPROVED MILITARY COOPERATION. THE VISIT TO BELGRADE IN EARLY DECEMBER OF THE DOD TECHNICAL TEAM GAVE FURTHER IMPULSE TO THIS MOVEMENT AND INTEREST HAS BEEN HEIGHTENED ON BOTH SIDES. ON THE QUESTION OF PROCEDURES
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(DISCUSSED BY TECHNICAL TEAM), AMBASSADOR SAID HE IS INSISTING THAT THE EMBASSY BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS, PARTICULARLY TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT REQUESTS ARE HANDLED AND COORDINATED PROPERLY. HE EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT AS THE PROCESS DEVELOPS OUR ATTACHES WILL BE PERMITTED EXPANDED DIRECT ACCESS TO THOSE YUGOSLAV MILITARY OFFICES DEALING WITH EQUIPMENT MATTERS. HE ALSO HOPED THAT AS ACCESS IMPROVES PROCEDURES REQUIRED

BY YUGOSLAV DEF MINISTRY WILL BECOME LESS BUREAUCRATIC. BERNARDIC PROMISED TO STUDY THE ISSUE CAREFULLY AND TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE IT EARLY IN JANUARY. HE SAID THE PROBLEM SHOULD NOT BECOME AN OBSTACLE TO AN ENHANCED MILITARY RELATIONSHIP.

3. US/YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COUNCIL -- THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT DURING HIS WASHINGTON VISIT HE FOUND MORE INTEREST IN THE USG AND PRIVATE BUSINESS THAN HE HAD EXPECTED IN IMPROVING ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA. HE NOTED ONE POSSIBLE PROBLEM, THAT OF CONCERN ABOUT THE US TRADE IMBALANCE, BUT FELT THAT NOT MANY YUGOSLAV EXPORTS WOULD BE ADVERSELY EFFECTED BY POSSIBLE FUTURE US ACTIONS. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THOUGH THE ATTITUDE IS GOOD, BOTH SIDES MUST PUT MORE THOUGHT INTO HOW MORE CAN BE DONE. AMBASSADOR FELT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A VISIT TO THE US BY FEC VICE PRESIDENT SEFER WOULD BE GOOD IF PLANNED PROPERLY. BERNARDIC RESPONDED THAT HE TOO HAD RECEIVED OPTIMISTIC REPORTS ON THE COUNCIL MEETING. HE AGREED THAT A SEFER VISIT MUST BE WELL PREPARED IN ADVANCE; FOR THIS REASON IT WAS PROBABLE THAT SEFER WOULD NOT GO TO THE US UNTIL AFTER THE TITO VISIT, THUS GIVING THE GOY TIME TO PLAN THE TRIP (SEFER'S) PROPERLY.

4. YUGOSLAVIA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY -- THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT THE US WAS GOING TO ENCOURAGE EC MEMBERS TO TAKE A MORE REASONABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA THAN IN THE PAST. IT IS THE US VIEW THAT THE EC MUST RECOGNIZE THE POLITICAL CONFIDENTIAL

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IMPORTANCE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND KEEP THIS IN MIND DURING THE UPCOMING NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO. BERNARDIC SAID THAT USG INVOLVEMENT ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED WOULD BE HELPFUL; THUS FAR THE YUGOSLAV/EC RELATIONSHIP HAS PRODUCED "NICE WORDS BUT NOTHING SUBSTANTIAL".

5. GENERAL US/YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. BERNARDIC SAID THAT THE GOY IS PLEASED WITH THE BALANCE SHEET OF THIS YEAR'S RELATIONS AND THE CONTINUED UPWARD MOVEMENT. HE SUGGESTED THAT THERE IS A MUTUAL DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM. MATTERS WHICH AROSE CAUSING OBSTACLES WERE HANDLED WELL. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT OBSTACLES CAN CROP UP AGAIN BUT THE TOTAL "GOOD EXPERIENCE" SHOULD BE EXPANDED INTO 1978. THE GOY IS PREPARED TO WORK OUT A "RICH PROGRAM OF COOPERATION" WITH THE US AND "NOTHING UNFAVORABLE THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED THIS YEAR" SHOULD PREVENT FURTHER PROGRESS. THE HIGH LEVEL EXCHANGES OF MESSAGES (E.G., BETWEEN THE TWO PRESIDENTS AND BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND FORNSEC MINIC) SHOULD BE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED. HE PROMISED TO EXPAND HIS OWN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AMBASSADOR DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEXT YEAR.

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